

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 have been amended. Claims 6-7 have been canceled. Claims 25-26 have been added.

Applicants thank the examiner for the indication that claims 3-5, 8-12, 18, and 21-24 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 25 and 26 have been added with the subject matter of claim 4 and 8, respectively. Claims 19 and 20 have been amended to depend from new claims 25 and 26.

Claims 6, 7, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled.

Claims 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, and 23 are objected to. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended as suggested by the examiner.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mayer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,746,528). Claim 1 has been amended with subject matter from claim 2. For the following reasons, the examiner rejection is respectfully traversed.

Mayer does not disclose or suggest “a second state that said second media tray is extended to outside of said main body and used for directly setting media from outside of said main body into said image forming apparatus” as recited in claim 1.

Mayer discloses a telescoping tray system with a paper tray and an output tray. When the output tray is in an open mode, a full tray is provided where printed sheets can be outputted from

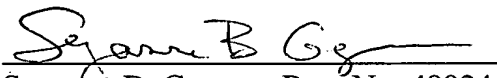
the printer and stacked during a multi-sheet print job. Thus, Mayer does not teach that the output tray is used for directly setting media from outside of the main body into the image forming apparatus. Therefore, Mayer does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 36096.

Respectfully submitted,

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